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## Minutes 03/05/2009

### Arlington Recycling Committee Minutes 3/5/09

**Present:** Gordon Jamieson (Chair) Ruth Yannetti (DPW), Paul Addorisio (DPW), Anneli Mynttinen, Julie McDaniel, Peter Howard (Secretary)

#### DPW Topics:

- WM Contract - Still being negotiated - Single stream collection anticipated to start July 1st
- Solid Waste tonnage - 15681 running 12 mo total - Year to year change - 20% decrease

#### Collection bin network:

- Collection bin mapping:  
Paul presented a pdf map showing bin locations. The website with a Google-based map is almost ready.
- Additional bin placement update (Stratton - Library)  
Paul has had trouble getting through to the Stratton principal. There is concern w/ too many dumpsters. Gordon suggested he work through Ron Spangler & offered to fwd emails to Spangler. Thought is that the existing MBTA bin could be relocated to Stratton
- Julie observed the DPW Yard cardboard dumpster open & full of wet cardboard. Is wet cardboard recyclable? Paul to ask & check dumpster. Additional DPW yardpaper/cardboard bins under consideration
- No progress on idea of placing a Got Books bin in the Verizon parking lot for use by library to dispose of overflows. Committee to pursue further.
- Julie said the Abitibi bin at Ottoson is underutilized. She will approach the Greek Church to see if they would like it on their property which would increase visibility.
- Julie noted that plastic milk bottles in school lunches should be rinsed before recycling. She asked for ideas on how this could be done. Committee to pursue this and additional school issues next year.
- Committee to help with promoting Leslie Ellis location after Paul determines their true interest level. If they have become less interested committee to seek alternate East Arlington location.

#### Bottle bill

- Katrin provided a draft to Gordon - Gordon noted that he dropped the ball and will work on for next mtg
- ARC feels desirable to get BoS endorsement but not essential. OK to send letter direct to legislators.

#### Eco-Fest

- Desirable to promote at EcoFest and May Community Collection day next time we are before BoS

#### PAYT/ARC Budget (or according to Ruth: Save Money Reduce Trash SMART)

- Gordon and Juli Brazile appeared before the fincom, described the ARC's work & requested a budget increase to subsidize compost bin prices. Though one FinCom member stated "This is a committee that actually does something", others were doubtful that there is a demand for compost bins. The FinCom will await results of compost bin sales at EcoFest.
- Gordon and Juli appeared before the fincom and presented \$1/bag PAYT concept to FinCom. FinCom members voiced some support. They urged Gordon and Juli to work on securing BoS support. They also appointed a committee (Howard & Ferrara) to draft a PAYT fiscal plan to be used as an addendum to the FinCom report to Town Meeting.
- .Post meeting: Pete working on securing meeting of all parties w/ DPW Director Bean asap.

#### Community Eco-Fest - Saturday March 28th at Town Hall from 9-1

- Ruth provided by handout and email post meeting (note she is happy to provide more) copies of a colorful flyer for distribution. Anelli will write a tip. Gordon will promote at BoS mtg when PAYT is up for review.
- ARC & SAVE will have tables. ARC will collect signatures for the bottle bill letter. Ruth will send an E-Alert. Members signed up for manning the ARC table

- ARC voted to increase our promotional funding for compost bin sales to \$1000 (sufficient to subsidize 40-plus)
- More volunteers needed/welcome - Draft volunteer schedule follows:  
9-11: Anneli and Juli Brazile (?)  
11-1: Pete and Julie McDaniel  
Floater schedule permitting: Gordon

**Community Collection Day** - May 2nd - DPW Yard

- Discuss in April
- Volunteers needed

**Report to Town Meeting**

- Discuss in April/May

**SAVE Tent**

- Nigel to procure and then to obtain reimbursement from DPW

**Future efforts**

- School cardboard/book diversion
- Composting/disposal use - Possible promotion of same
- Sustainability action plan - Development of solid waste component
- Website - Minutes, agendas, etc
- No waste lunch

Next meeting Thu April 2nd - 7.30 pm